

Community Services Department

MINUTES

Parks and Recreation Commission Special Meeting May 11, 2020

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Chair Palmer called the meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 5:34 p.m. Commissioners Present: Chair Palmer, Gonzales, Greenberg, Koshafa, Martinucci, Melendrez, Nigel, Zamattia, and Zastrow. Council Present: Mayor Medina. Staff Present: Brewer, Magrini, Smith, and Venezia.
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Chair Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3. REVIEW OF AGENDA: MSC Gonzales/Melendrez.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from February 19, 2020 were accepted. 8-0-1.
- 5. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** None.
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA:

Mayor Medina announced that Commissioner Nigel has been on this commission for 50 years and he wanted to acknowledge this milestone and thank him for his commitment.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

 Receive Presentation Regarding Status Update of New Recreation and Aquatic Center – Director Magrini and Dawn Merkes from Group 4, gave a PowerPoint presentation.

Commissioner Koshafa asked when a decision would be made about having an outdoor pool. **Director Magrini** said that if bids come back low then maybe it could be incorporated into the project.

Commissioner Greenberg asked about windows and proximity of the baseball diamond. **Dawn Merkes** stated glazing will help cut glare and shades will be integrated. There is more than adequate room for ball games.

Commissioner Gonzales asked about post COVID budgets. **Dawn Merkes** stated information is still coming in so no solid answer. Historically, typically construction costs drop after economic situations like we are experiencing now.

Commissioner Melendrez asked if we are seeing any expected shortfalls in our various funding sources and asked about the addition of the grass section and the option of an outdoor pool after construction. **Director Magrini** stated the committed \$50 million of funding is with the Community Foundation. Looking for additional

funding sources for extra amenities. Yes, the outdoor pool can be added later. An outdoor seasonal pool will make all of the difference as far as programming and revenue generation. An outdoor pool is not as high to operate as an indoor pool.

Commissioner Nigel stated an outdoor pool could be a capital improvement for later.

Commissioner Martinucci asked if breaking ground was still scheduled for January. **Director Magrini** stated that is what we are shooting for.

Chair Palmer asked about the Community Hall capacity and the expiration date for the EIR public comment. **Superintendent Brewer** stated it will seat 160 with round tables. **Kelly Beggs, Associate Planner,** stated the period for public comment ended on March 11th.

Malcolm Robinson congratulated Commissioner Nigel on his anniversary. He stated that the bathrooms need to be closer to outdoor events. He would like a good kitchen in the new Center. He stated that the pool should be open year-round and would like a hot tub. Children's pool is essential. Fun angle is missing at the pool and he would like diving to be allowed.

Marsha Glassner wanted to know about the pedestrian pathway access between the Recreation Center and the Senior Center during demolition, construction, and project completion. **Director Magrini** stated that there is currently no plan to incorporate additional sidewalks onto Crystal Springs Road. The parking lot will be expanded at the new Center and there will be still be access to the Senior Center upon completion. Alternate pathways will be looked at during demolition and construction.

- 8. **NEW BUSINESS:** None.
- 9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS: None.
- 10. **ITEMS FROM STAFF:** None.
- 11. **ADJOURNMENT**: With no other business to be conducted, **Chair Palmer** adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.